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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0526

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MILI, EC, PE  
SUBJECT: CONTINUED GOE CONCERNS ABOUT PERUVIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS  
ON ITS BORDER

1. GOE CONTINUES TO BE PREOCCUPIED BY WHAT IT BELIEVES TO  
BE THREATENING MILITARY MOVES AGAINST ECUADOR BY PERU.  
ADMIRAL RENAN OLMEDO, THE DELEGATED CHIEF OF THE JOINT COMMAND  
OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,  
TOLD DCM ON JAN 21 THAT THE SUPREME COMMAND HAD RECEIVED AN  
EYEWITNESS REPORT FROM ONE OF ITS INTELLIGENCE AGENTS THAT  
THE PERUVIANS ON JAN 10 HAD MADE FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF TANKS  
IN THE TUMBES AREA. OLMEDO ALLEGED THAT BY ECUADOREAN COUNT  
THE PERUVIANS NOW ARE NEARING A TOTAL OF 150 TANKS ON THE  
ECUADOREAN BORDER. ADMIRAL OLMEDO STRESSED THE DESIRE OF  
THE GOE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US, AND SAID THE ECUA-  
DOREANS GREATLY NEEDED US ASSISTANCE IN HELPING IT TO STRENGTHEN  
ITS MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM-  
SELVES FROM ATTACK AGAINST THE LARGE SOVIET EQUIPPED  
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PERUVIAN FORCE.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NO WAY TO SUBSTANTIATE THE REPORTS OF  
THE ECUADOREAN MILITARY OF A CONTINUING BUILDUP OF PERUVIAN  
FORCES ON ITS BORDER, AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY GIVE CREDENCE  
TO ALL OF THEM. THE ABOVE IS REPORTED TO SHOW THAT WHATEVER  
THE TRUE FACTS, THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ECUADOREAN MILITARY

BELIEVE SINCERELY THAT THE PERUVIANS ARE MAKING THREATENING  
MOVES AGAINST ECUADOR. THE DCM MADE NO COMMENTS TO ENCOURAGE  
OLMEDO TO THINK THE USG WILL FACILITATE ACQUISITION OF DE-  
FENSE EQUIPMENT TO OFFSET PERU'S ADVANTAGE IN ARMS.  
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